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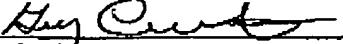
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Guy Cumberbatch**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of: Carpentier, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/729,035)	Examiner: David J. Isabella
10 Filing Date: December 5, 2003)	
For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED CONNECTING BAND)	
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15 Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, please see the amendments and remarks below.

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Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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